

Examination Instructions

This examination consists of fifteen (15) sections, which include:

- **Parking Enforcement Law Interpretation**
- **Map Reading**
- **Numerical Coding and Proofreading**
- **Math Aptitude**
- **Spelling**

Please review the following information carefully before you begin the examination:

- **You will have up to ninety (90) minutes to complete this examination.**
- **If you need assistance, please raise your hand and a test monitor will assist you. Do not talk to your neighbor.**
- **No hand held calculators will be allowed.**
- **Please turn off any electronic or telephonic devices (i.e., watches, pagers) you may have in your possession.**
- **The examination and any scratch paper will be turned into a monitor before you leave the examination room.**
- **You will be advised within four (4) weeks of the examination, in writing, of your test results. Please do not contact us.**
- **Good Luck!**

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (PEOs)

Parking Enforcement Officers are non-commissioned support officers with the Seattle Police Dept. It is the Parking Enforcement Unit's responsibility to enforce parking laws, conduct traffic control, assist the public and maintain positive public relations. They work in uniform, in marked vehicles and are highly visible to the public. They are required to maintain a professional and courteous demeanor at all times and are expected to report unlawful or suspicious activities, accidents, etc. -- as the "eyes and ears" of the Seattle Police Department. However, they are not sworn police officers and do not have the power to enforce any laws except parking laws.

Examples of Duties:

- Patrol an assigned district in a three-wheeled motor scooter or car and/or on foot and issue tickets to illegally parked vehicles.
- Assist in protecting public and private property by reporting via Police Department Communications Center (9-1-1) situations observed while on patrol: any unlawful or suspicious activity, accidents, hazards, broken traffic lights, missing or damaged traffic signs, defective parking meters, etc.
- Direct traffic at the scene of accidents, during general traffic disruptions and at special events.
- Offer assistance to citizens when appropriate, such as finding lost people, giving directions, etc.
- Appear in court, as necessary in connection with citations issued

Below are eight samples parking laws commonly applied by PEOs in the course of their daily duties. Use only the information provided in the test, and not what you may know about any actual City of Seattle parking laws.

In order to write a ticket for a violation of a parking law, a PEO must have solid proof that a violation was actually committed. It is not enough to assume that a violation occurred -- you must be able to prove it beyond any doubt. For example, if the law includes a restriction on the length of time parking is permitted in a particular zone and you are not sure how long a vehicle has been parked there, a ticket is not to be written.

For the purposes of this test a vehicle is defined as motorized vehicle.

11.30.040 Conditions for impound

A vehicle may be impounded under the following circumstances:

- (a) When the vehicle is impeding or is likely to impede the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- (b) When the vehicle is illegally parked in a truck, bus, loading, taxi or other similar zone where parking is limited to designated classes of vehicles; or where prohibited during certain hours, days, or at all times; or where such vehicle is interfering with the proper and intended use of such zones.

11.72.020 Alley

No person shall park a passenger vehicle except a commercial vehicle in an alley.

11.72.050 Bus zone

No person shall stop or park a vehicle other than an authorized bus in a zone established for such specific use.

11.72.285 Passenger load zone

In a passenger load zone, no person shall stop or park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the loading or unloading of passengers for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes.

11.72.300 Peak traffic hours

No person shall stop or park a vehicle during peak traffic hours, on any portion of a street where signs are posted giving notice of the hours that parking is prohibited, except as provided in Section 11.74.120.

11.72.435 Truck load zone - Passenger vehicles

No person shall stop or park a passenger vehicle in a truck load zone.

11.74.020 Truck load zone - Commercial vehicles

No person shall stop or park a commercial vehicle in a truck load zone for any purpose or length of time other than for the loading and unloading of property. In no case shall such parking for loading and unloading of property exceed thirty (30) minutes.

11.74.120 Morning Peak-hour restricted areas in downtown traffic-control zones

No person shall stop or park a vehicle on a street where signs are posted prohibiting parking during peak hours, except that commercial vehicles may park in the downtown traffic-control zone where signs are posted that prohibit parking between seven a.m. and nine a.m., for the purpose of loading and unloading property, but in no case shall such loading and unloading exceed thirty minutes.

Section 1

Assume that you are a PEO and arrive in your assigned district at 8:00 a.m. You find the vehicles marked “X” parked where indicated on the inserted drawing (Insert A). Vehicles which are commercial vehicles are marked with a “C”. Refer to Insert A and the laws on pages 2 and 3 to answer questions 1 through 3.

1. What action should be taken regarding vehicle #3?
 - (A) Write ticket for 11.72.435.
 - (B) Write ticket for 11.72.300.
 - (C) Write ticket for 11.72.300 and impound vehicle.
 - (D) Write ticket for both 11.72.435 and 11.72.300 and impound.

Section 2

Assume that as a PEO, you return to the same area at 9:05 a.m. You find the vehicles marked “Y” parked where indicated. If a vehicle is marked with both “X” and “Y”, assume you have proof that it has been there since the first time you checked. Refer to Insert A and the laws on pages 2 and 3 to answer questions 4 through 6.

2. What action should be taken regarding vehicle #10?
 - (A) Write ticket for 11.72.435.
 - (B) Write ticket for 11.74.020.
 - (C) Write ticket for 11.74.120.
 - (D) Do nothing.

Section 3

The following questions concern the parking laws given on pages 2 and 3. Identify whether each statement is True or False by marking the appropriate space on your answer sheet.

3. Truck load zones provide 30 minutes by law for any vehicle to load and unload property.
 - (A) True
 - (B) False

Section 4

Questions 10 through 12 are designed to examine your ability to distinguish those circumstances where a citation may or may not be issued.

4. A vehicle is parked by a fire hydrant with the hood up and a note on the windshield states the car is disabled and the driver has gone to the phone booth across the street. Which of the following would you do?
- (A) Write a ticket.
 - (B) Stay by the vehicle until the driver returns.
 - (C) Talk to the driver at the phone booth.
 - (D) Do not cite.

Section 5

Questions 13 through 26 involve situations that a PEO is likely to encounter on the job, followed by four different ways that the situation might be handled. Use the information about the duties of a PEO, as well as your own judgment, to decide which of the choices given would be the best way of handling each situation as a PEO and which would be the worst way of handling each situation as a PEO.

On patrol you discover that a main sewer line has broken at a major street intersection.

13. What is the best thing for you to do?
14. What is the worst thing for you to do?
- (A) Radio the information to the Police Dispatcher and wait for further instructions.
 - (B) Radio in the information, ask for assistance, and protect the intersection until other units arrive.
 - (C) Notify the Police Dispatcher of the problem, ask them to inform the Engineering Department, and proceed on your regular patrol.
 - (D) Find a phone and call Traffic Engineering directly, so they can get someone out to make repairs.

Section 6

Answer questions 27 through 31 using the inserted map (Insert B). Use only the information provided on the map and not what you may know about actual streets, locations, etc.

27. You are dispatched to enforce a commercial load zone on the south side of the 500 block of Wall St. What building are you next to?

- (A) Grosvenor House (B) Gph Cooperative Office
(C) Devonshire Apts (D) Frederick Cadillac LTD

Section 7

Using the inserted maps (Insert B and Insert C), answer the following questions. Use only the information provided on the map and not what you may know about actual streets, locations, etc.

28. You are at the Seattle Center, at 5th Ave N. and Mercer St. which section are you in?

- (A) 2 (B) 4 (C) 7 (D) 5

Section 8

Questions 37 through 40 consist of groups of four displays representing license identification plates. Examine each group of plates and determine the number of plates in each group which are identical. Mark your answer as follows:

- If only two plates are identical, mark answer A.
- If only three plates are identical, mark answer B.
- If all four plates are identical, mark answer C.
- If the plates are all different, mark answer D.

37. ABC123 BCD123 ABCI23 BCD235

Section 9

Questions 41 through 43 consist of groups of numbers and letters similar to those which might appear on license plates. Each group of numbers and letters will be called a license identification plate. Choose the license identification lettered A, B, C, or D, that **EXACTLY** matches the license identification plate shown next to the question number.

41. WA 1985 (A) WA 1985 (B) WA 1985 (C) WN 1985 (D) WA 1987
 0QC383 0QC383 0QC833 0QC383 0QC383

Section 10

A newly hired PEO has made some errors when copying the addresses from Column A to the same line in Column B. For each question numbered from 44 through 48, if you find that the PEO made an error in:

- only one (1) line, mark your answer A.
- only two (2) lines, mark your answer B.
- only three (3) lines, mark your answer C.
- all four (4) lines, mark your answer D.

	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
44.	24 Third Avenue S Lincoln Road 50 MLK Way 37-21 Queens Boulevard	24 Third Avenue 5 Lincoln Street 5 MLK Way 21-37 Queens Boulevard

Section 11

Questions 49 through 52 are problems in addition. For each question, add each of the grouping of numbers and select the correct answer from the four choices provided.

49. 30.06 (A) 143.56 (B) 142.66
 44.94 (C) 142.46 (D) 145.66
 .78
 + 69.88

Section 12

Questions 53 through 56 are problems in multiplication. For each question, multiply each of the grouping of numbers and select the correct answer from the four choices provided.

53.
$$\begin{array}{r} 79 \\ \times 98 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- (A) 8722
(C) 8762

- (B) 7722
(D) 7742

56.
$$\begin{array}{r} 402 \\ \times 987 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- (A) 397,176
(C) 396,774

- (B) 387,176
(D) 376,176

Section 13

Questions 57 through 60 are problems in subtraction. For each question, subtract each of the grouping of numbers and select the correct answer from the four choices provided.

57.
$$\begin{array}{r} 232,930 \\ -179,587 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- (A) 52,433
(C) 52,434

- (B) 53,334
(D) 53,343

Section 14

Questions 61 through 64 are problems in fractions. For each question, add or subtract each grouping of fractions and select the correct answer from the four choices provided.

61.
$$\begin{array}{r} 1\frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} \\ + \frac{1}{4} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- (A) $2\frac{1}{4}$
(C) $1\frac{5}{12}$

- (B) $3\frac{1}{4}$
(D) $2\frac{3}{4}$

62.
$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{4} \\ + 2\frac{3}{4} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- (A) $3\frac{1}{2}$
(C) $2\frac{3}{4}$

- (B) 3
(D) $3\frac{3}{4}$

Section 15

Questions 65 through 72 will test your ability in spelling. For each question, choose the correct spelling of the word from the grouping of words.

65. (A) necesary (B) necessary (C) necessary (D) neccessry
66. (A) ocassion (B) occassion (C) ocasion (D) occasion
67. (A) occur (B) occurr (C) occur (D) occer